

A-Z of festive fundraisers

- A** Add a coin to build a Christmas tree using a chalk outline on the ground.
- B** Bake Christmas cupcakes to sell .
- C** Christmas card delivery service within school.
- D** Dress as Santa, ring a bell and shake a tin.
- E** Edible Christmas stars of gingerbread. Include a hole, thread red ribbon through for hanging on the tree. Sell!
- F** Face-painting or festive tattoos.
- G** Guess the number of Christmas cookies in the jar.
Gift-wrapping service at the local mall for a suggested minimum donation.
- H** House-building with gingerbread. Draw names from a hat to decide who'll smash the gingerbread house. Sell pieces to eat.
- I** Invite people to a Christmas movie night.
- J** Jumper day! Charge to wear a Christmas jumper and award a prize for the best.
- K** Knit Christmas gloves and socks to sell.
- L** "Little donkey..." Charge to pin the tail on it. Give out sweets as prizes.
- M** Make mince pies and sell them.
- N** Nativity sponsored walk or run in costume.
- O** Ornament decorating. Supply the materials. Charge to cover costs plus a bit more.
- P** Pack bags at the local supermarket and ask for donations. Most supermarkets are used to receiving requests for fundraisers to do this. Wear your Christmas jumpers!
- Q** Quiz with a Christmas theme.
- R** Race to 'Bethlehem' carrying 'gold', 'myrrh' or 'frankincense' on your head. Entry charge. Forfeits for dropping the gift!
- S** Silent Night (or Day) sponsored silence.
- T** Tree decorating competition
- U** Use newspaper and potato stamps to make wrapping paper to sell. You could even let people select their own stamps to personalise the service!
- V** Virtual Christmas tree forest. Stick tree shapes on 100 lolly sticks. Write "£1" on the bottom of the stick on five of them and plant the lot in a tray of sand. Charge 20p to pick a stick. You raise £15!
- W** Wreath-making workshop. Collect holly and ivy (responsibly!), old baubles and tinsel. Charge to cover costs, plus a bit. Everyone has fun *and* takes home a wreath for their front door.
- X** Xmas carol singing with a collection box.
- Y** Yuletide choice! Charge to pick numbered paper Santas out of a drum. Some Santas have prizes attached (like a bottle stall).
- Z** Zzzz... Create a buzz! Send local papers a press release about your fundraising event. See our template at cafod.org.uk